**Virginia Bass Chapter Federation**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**March 17, 2019**

**Board Members**

President…………………. Brian Briemeister

Vice President…………. Scott Whitmore

Region 1 Director……. Steve Hajdasz

Region 3 Director……. Vacant

Region 4 Director……. Chuck Hart

Region 5 Director……. Vacant

Region 6 Director……. James Vick

Region 7 Director……. Wayne Hayes

Region 8 Director……. John Flicek

Region 10 Director…. Miller Castle – called in

Tournament Director…. Alton Vaughn- absent

Assistant Tournament Director… Becky Conley

Youth Director…………. Vacant

Conservation Director… John Flicek

State Chaplin…………. Vacant

Secretary…………………Tammy Caldwell

Treasurer…………….… Stephanie Brewer

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by the President followed by a moment of silence that observed for the passing of region members and others that have passed away.

**Meeting Minutes**

The Secretary distributed meeting minutes from January 2019. A motion was made by Region 7 to approve the minutes. This motion was seconded by Region 1. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The Treasurer reported taxes have been completed and she will pick those up this week.

Current balance in checking account $6,705.60. Spread sheet of expenses, revenue from the Richmond Fishing Expo was given to Vice President. Region 7 made motion to accept and region 6 seconded the motion.

**Conservation Report**

The Conservation Director gave the following report:

\*  Results from Chickahominy River Genetic study discussed at REGION 8 meeting last Thursday (14 March) evening.  DGIF expressed their appreciation for our participation in this effort.

\*   Creel Surveys to continue for Chickahominy, James, Pamunkey Rivers and Kerr Lake Tournaments.  We have been requested to initiate a Creel Survey effort at Smith Mountain Lake.   Survey cards printed for and distributed Region 4 Director.

\*   Proto-type cell phone Application is now entering the field trial phase.  Region 8 anglers have started downloading the application and will serve as the DGIF test community.  The plan is to refine/incorporate needed changes and field statewide next year.  This is the first effort of its kind in the nation and DGIF is again indicated their appreciation for the Federations efforts to date.

\*   There is a planned effort to do some limited stocking of F1 stain Largemouth in 6 major lakes throughout the state. To be followed by a study period to access impact.  DGIF has expressed desire to have the Federation involved in these efforts.  I am working with DGIF on identifying the locations and schedules for stocking efforts and will advise Region Directors when available.

\*    We have been asked to possibly assist with some habitat improvement studies with planting test plots of native eel grass in several local tidal rivers.  This effort would be a partnership between DGIF, Virginia Tech and the Federation.  They are working the project plan and looking to secure funding.  I have started researching the possibility of requesting a Habitat Improvement Grant through TBF to assist with this effort.

**Youth Report**

**Communications Report**

Communication Director reported forms for Chapter Team and Mr. Bass have been up loaded to the website, links to the forms are beside each tournament. State and Region contact information is updated and the old contact information has been removed. Continuing working on the website and will update the sponsor list as soon as possible. Trying to post something on the Facebook page daily or at least every couple days. If anyone has anything, they would like posted, please email it to Tammy.

**Safety Committee Report**

Reminder to everyone that boaters have to carry $300, 000 insurance policy as well as have your current boater safety course certification with you. Must be in good standing with TBF and FLW.

**Old Business:**

**2019 Budget**

The finalized budget was approved at the March meeting.

**2019 Business Calendar**

Vice President went over the time line for remaining items on the 2019 business calendar.

**Youth Program Schedule**

Becky reported on the Virginia High School Championship tournament that was held on Saturday, March 2 on Lake Gaston. There were 4 teams, Franklin County High School, Green Horn Anglers, Jamestown High School and LC Bird High School everyone had a great time. Thank you, Becky, Arthur and Lou for running the tournament.

Championship. If anyone is interested in joining the you program have them contact VA TBF Youth Facebook Page.

**Sponsors Update**

There were several sponsorships, that should be sending sponsorship checks. City of South Hill giving $1000 per tournament this year. Thanks to Stephanie, Ronnie Brewer and James Vick for obtaining sponsorships from Colonial Italian Restaurant, Surfside Bait and Tackle, Liberty Roofing Center Propeller Dynamics and Bass Pro Ashland.

**New Business:**

**2019 Budget**

Expenses: Student Angler tournament, hotel room. State Youth Championship will need to purchase trophies. Payout for National Semi Finals participants. Picked up a few more sponsors. Still need to come up with some more funding to pay for those qualifiers for National Semi Finals participants.

Region 1 made the motion to do a $1000 Bass shopping raffle as a fundraiser to help raise money, Region 7 seconded the motion, the board voted unanimously on the raffle. Scott will get tickets printed and have ready for Chapter team tournament.

Let Scott know if you have any expenses

Motion was made to approve the 2019 budget, region 4 seconded the motion, board voted to approve the budget.

**Upcoming Charity Tournaments**

Region 1 – Referenced the 2019 Kickin’ Bass Tournament for Special Olympics Friday, May 17 to be held Leesylvania State Park in Woodbridge, Va.

To register: <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/event/2019-kickin-bass-fishing-tournament/e2142936>

St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital Charity tournament, Friday, July 26th on the Potomac River at Leesylvania State Park. Contact Russ Shetley for information and entry, email; Bassman891@aol.com

Region 6 – Passed out fliers for 9th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament to benefit Children’s Hospital Foundation. Saturday, June 1, 2019. Osborne Landing on the James River. Details at [www.chfrichmond.org](http://www.chfrichmond.org).

**New State Tournament Format**

Discussion was held regarding new format:

Purpose – Attendance is dwindling, tournament participation is poor. Anglers do not want to travel, low pay outs, little younger participants.

Motion – New format, based on 4 regions. One tournament per region, with a centralized 2-day classic. Role call vote was held. **Motion passed Approved Regions 1, 4, 6, 8, &10 Opposed – Region 7.**

Two Committees were formed to work out details: Committees are to have results completed by June 2019 meeting, to allow time for Region Directors to get back with their membership. President feels we may need to have an additional meeting added to the calendar to discuss membership feedback before a final vote on bylaws and finances.

By Laws Committee - Chuck Hart, Wayne Hayes and Steve Hadjz

Tournament Finances – Scott Whitmore, John Flicek

The following guidelines were discussed as a basis for the new format.

Begins with the Fall 2019. Replaces Fall classic

4 One day tournaments culminating with a 2-day classic

Payout – TBD.

**Youth Program Schedule – Regions**

Scott discussed that in an effort to keep a youth program on life support until a new Youth Director can be secured.  Several regions have agreed to support Youth Teams fishing during REGION Tournaments.   Youth would have to join the TBF Youth Program Membership and provide their own boat/boat captain.  If we can get some of the kids fishing, we could then come up with a method by which we can select 2 Youth Anglers for the JWC Tournament in August.  The selection needs to be completed by Mid-June.  Regions are identifying April and May tournament dates & locations to work up a State Youth Facebook page announcement of the program. June 9 was discussed for the Youth State members noted that this would be more appropriately addressed as a separate state by-law change as it has no apparent bearing on the Qualifying Events and Championship Tournament proposed.

Discussed that Regions include a youth tournament in conjunction with a couple of their region tournaments, running them on the same day.

**Newsletter Input**

Extended Tight Lines deadlines by a couple weeks to allow for a feature article for the next edition.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:38 PM.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2019.